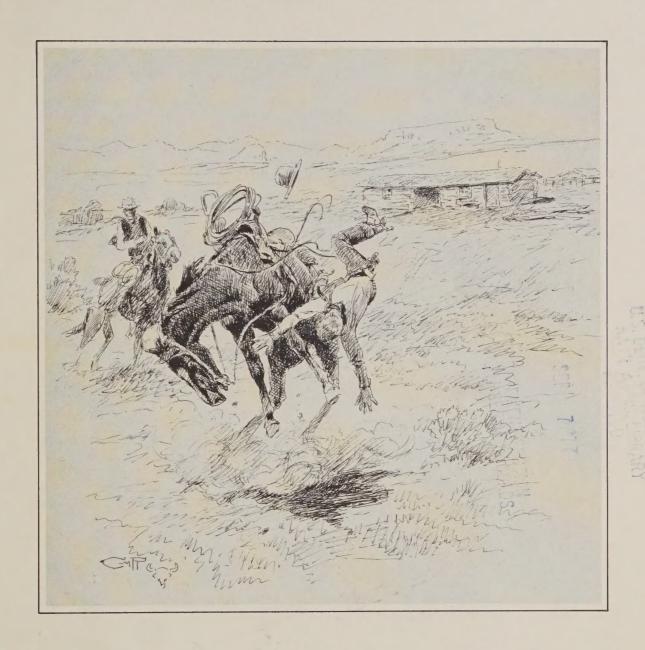
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FOREWORD

The year 1976 saw a continued de-emphasis of producer oriented farm programs. With the philosophy of a market-oriented agricultural economy the administration placed its emphasis on finding increased overseas markets to utilize our surplus production.

The following pages summarize the programs administered by the State and county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committees and the extent to which they were utilized by producers.

July 22, 1977

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ADMINISTRATIVE

NET ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

1976 Fiscal Year

County Office	Expense
Beaverhead	\$ 24,606
Big Horn	57,272
Blaine	54,598
Broadwater	32,352
Carbon	38,289
Carter	18,536
Cascade	50,024
Chouteau	56,875
Custer	36,391
Daniels	53,725
Dawson	64,302
Fallon	39,044
Fergus	72,295
Flathead	39,669
Gallatin	64,851
Garfield	28,470
Glacier	37,687
Hill	66,791
Jefferson	32,792
Judith Basin	41,186
Lake	
ewis & Clark	31,764 24,609
Liberty	
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fissoula	44,293
Musselshell	29,873
Park	27,708
Phillips	30,016
ondera	37,500
Owder River	54,462
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	47,205
rairie	22,332
avalli	27,197
ichland	58,721
oosevelt	45,515
osebud	45,901
anders	32,067
heridan	59,691
tillwater	36,655
weet Grass	23,003
eton	63,622
oole	63,877
alley	44,952
heatland	42,606
ibaux	34,522
ellowstone	49,469
OTAL	\$ 1,953,754
expenses paid by SO for counties	36,294
	\$ 1,990,047



DATA ON ELECTIONS HELD IN 1975

FOR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1976

	Number	No. of	No. of	
	of	Eligible	Ballots	Percent
County	Communities	Voters	Counted	Voting
Doggovahaad	1	227	01	24. 2
Beaverhead	1 6	237	81 201	34.2 18.8
Big Horn	4	1,071	333	29.6
Blaine	1	1,124 458	195	42.6
Broadwater Carbon	6	1,037	327	31.5
Carter	3	534	199	37.3
Cascade	7	1,696	569	33.5
Chouteau	í	2,117	664	31.4
Custer	6	623	240	38.5
Daniels	3	755	416	55.1
Dawson	3	1,261	336	26.6
Deer Lodge	1	128	49	38.3
Fallon	3	598	274	45.8
Fergus	11	1,569	475	30.3
Flathead	5	1,447	499	34.5
Gallatin	3	1,053	280	26.6
Garfield	4	400	148	37.0
Glacier	3	1,364	91	6.7
Golden Valley	3	492	155	31.5
Granite	1	303	100	31.9
Hill	4	1,489	640	43.0
Jefferson	1	235	75	31.9
Judith Basin	9	539	238	44.2
Lake	4	1,964	363	18.5
Lewis & Clark	3	613	160	26.1
Liberty	5	711	269	37.8
Lincoln	1	398	118	29.6
McCone	3	1,224	428	35.0
Madison	3	471	114	24.2
Meagher	1	386	100	25.9
Mineral	1	138	49	35.5
Missoula	1	954	178	18.7
Musselshell	3	673	166	24.7
Park	1	798	192	24.1
Petroleum	1	180	65	36.1
Phillips	9	694	237	34.1
Pondera	5	1,418	505	35.6
Powder River	7	533	187	35.1
Powell	1	379	135	35.6
Prairie	3	439	162	36.9
Ravalli	1 4	1,920	283	14.7
Richland Roosevelt	13	1,453	471 671	32.4
Rosebud	5	2,326 1,101	671 239	28.8 21.7
Sanders	4	549	175	31.9
Sheridan	4	1,834	583	31.8
Silver Bow	i	121	40	33.1
Stillwater	7	1,071	474	44.3
Sweet Grass	i	489	169	34.6
Teton	13	1,462	573	39.2
Toole	5	800	280	35.0
Treasure	1	335	96	28.7
Valley	3	1,578	559	35.4
Wheatland	i	503	126	25.0
Wibaux	3	419	175	41.8
Yellowstone	5	1,703	400	23.5
TOTALS	212	50,167	15,327	30.6

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) is authorized by the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936, as amended. Funds for the program are authorized annually by the Congress and \$175 million was appropriated for the 1976 ACP.

In 1976 Congress appropriated an additional \$15 million to be used to provide relief for wind erosion problems in the ten Great Plains States which includes Montana. In Montana these funds were allocated to the 39 designated Great Plains Conservation Program counties. These counties are all located East of the Continental Divide. Five practices were offered under this special wind erosion effort. They were: Field Windbreaks, Seeding Grass, Stripcropping, Tall Wheatgrass Barriers, and Livestock Water Developments.

ACP funds are used to share the costs with farmers and ranchers to carry out approved soil, water, woodland, and wildlife conservation practices on their land to help maintain the productive capacity of American agriculture. Emphasis is given to enduring practices.

Farmer elected county ASC committees, working with other USDA agencies and other interested persons in the county, had full authority to select the practices offered in the county's program.

All agricultural producers were eligible to apply for ACP cost-sharing. The cost-share levels varied from 50 percent to a maximum of 75 percent of the cost of performing approved practices. Practices must be completed according to recognized standards and specifications developed by Montana State University, the Soil Conservation Service or U.S. Forest Service, depending on the type of practice.

Long Term Agreements (LTA's). For the third consecutive year, long term agreements were authorized in all counties West of the Continental Divide plus Beaverhead, Jefferson, Madison, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, and Park Counties (counties where the Great Plains Conservation Program is not authorized).

Under an LTA, a conservation plan of operations is developed by the farmer and Soil Conservation Service and approved by the local Conservation District. Agreements are jointly approved by the farmer and the ASC county committee. LTA's are available for periods of three to ten years. All funds for the entire period of agreements were required to be set aside from 1976 ACP county allocations.

Emergency Conservation Measures (ECM). Emergency Conservation Measures are authorized by Public Law 85-58. This law provides for the allocation of emergency funds to share with farmers and ranchers the cost of rehabilitating farmlands damaged by tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters.

An ECM program was authorized in 27 Montana counties in 1975 to restore damage from prolonged high water on streams and lowland flooding. It was not possible to complete restoration measures in 1975 so much of the work was performed in 1976. In addition, local flooding in Roosevelt and Sweet Grass Counties occurred in 1976.



A tabulation of accomplishments and cost-shares paid under the 1976 ACP, including LTA's, and ECM follows. Starting in 1976 a major change was initiated in reporting accomplishments and cost shares paid. The ACP and ECM data shown is the actual cost shares paid to farmers in calendar year 1976. Many of the 1976 ACP practices were not completed and paid until 1977. Data for these practices will be included in the 1977 annual report.

Prior to 1976, ASCS county offices estimated statistical data for those carry-over practices not completed during the calendar year. This data was added to that for completed practices to constitute the annual report.

The new method of reporting will show fewer accomplishments and cost-shares the first year but once the system is fully instituted it will accurately reflect program activity.



PRACTICE SUMMARY - 1976 PROGRAM YEAR

POOLING AGREEMENTS - REGULAR ACP
42 Number of agreements Number of farms participating 273 185,139 Cost-Shares

	PRACTICE SUMMARY	- REGUI	LAR ACP		
Practice	Practice	No. Farms	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)
RE-1	Est. Perm. Vegetative Cover	851	Acre	43,685	\$ 490,708
RE-2	Improving Perm. Vegetative Cover	185	Acre	180,140	145,833
RE-3	Planting Trees	1	Acre	2	45
RE-4	Improving a Stand of Forest Trees	44	Acre	832	39,787
RE-5	Water Impoundment Reservoirs	86	A. Srvd Number	67,283 102	98,610
RE-6	Stripcropping	104	Acre	26,115	50,153
RE-7	Constructing Terrace Systems	1	A. Srvd	98	468
RE-8	Diversion	60	A. Srvd	4,424	59,091
RE-9	Streambank Stabilization	50	A. Srvd	3,245	69,010
RE-10	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	5	A. Srvd	739	3,305
RE-11	Sediment Retention, Erosion, Water Control Structures	r 39	A. Srvd Number	5,32 3 8	13,758
RE-12	Sediment, Chemical or Water Runof: Control Measures	E 59	A. Srvd	10,343	31,115
RE-13	Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	29	A. Srvd	1,420	8,165
RE-14	Reorganizing Irrigation Systems	659	A. Srvd	61,287	828,082
SB-4	Mechanical Treatment of Noncrop Grazing Land	4	Acre	1,082	3,246
SB-5	Livestock Water Facilities	220	A. Srvd Number	207,675	198,914
SB-11	Constructing Stock Trails	2	A. Srvd	2,760	361
SB-12	Controlling Noxious Weeds	594	Acre	39,648	267,112
SC-9	Permanent Open Drainage Systems	43	A. Srvd	3,059	25,124
SC-10	Underground Drainage Systems	22	A. Srvd	748	28,133
SC-11	Land Shaping or Grading	5	A. Srvd	28	1,100
SC-17	Subsoiling	1	Acre	85	638

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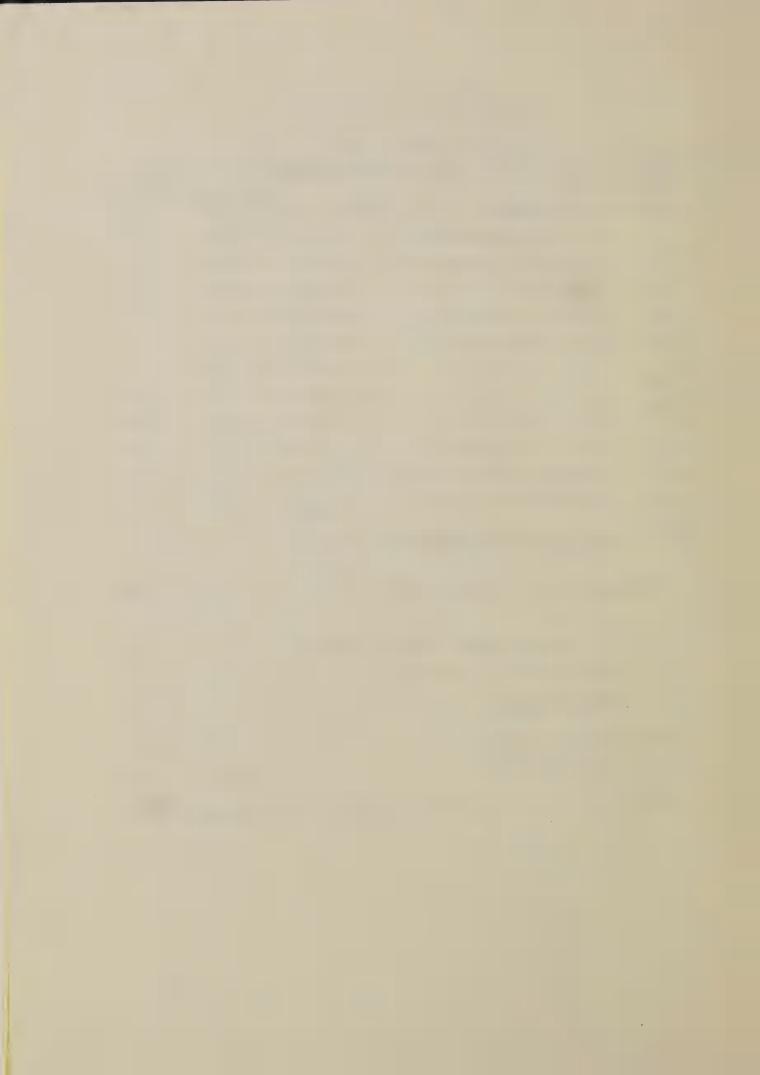
PRACTICE SUMMARY - 1976 PROGRAM YEAR

	PRACTICE SUMMAR	Y - REG	ULAR ACP		
Practice	Practice	No. Farms	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)
S-I	Animal Waste Storage & Diversion Facilities	24	Number	27	\$ 41,236
S-L	Disposal Pits for Solid Waste	5	Number	. 6	1,411
S-1	Conservation Tillage	1	Acre	38	479
S-4	Renovating Field Windbreaks	7	Acre	14	3,695
S-8	Tall Wheatgrass Row Barriers	3	A. Srvd	1,225	1,360
S-9	Saline Seep Control Measures	23	A. Srvd	1,230	9,698
S-14	Improving Rural Land Resources	5	Acre	188	1,056
WE-1	Establishing Field Windbreaks	1	A. Srvd	1,920	1,427
WE-2	Establishing Vegetative Cover	28	Acre	1,538	18,780
WE-3	Establishing Stripcropping System	49	Acre	19,364	32,969
WE-5	Livestock Water Facilities	57	A. Srvd	49,212	66,750
TOTALS		2,890			\$ 2,542,619

PRACTICE SUMMARY - 1976 PROGRAM YEAR

	PRACTICE SUMMARY - LONG	TERM	AGREEMENTS		
Prac- tice No.	Practice	No. Farms	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)
RE-1	Est. Perm. Vegetative Cover	39	Acre	1,530	\$ 23,350
RE-2	Improving Perm. Vegetative Cover	6	Acre	2,863	4,391
RE-3	Planting Trees	1	Acre	4	779
RE-4	Improving a Stand of Forest Trees	5	Acre	65	4,856
RE-5	Water Impoundment Reservoirs	2	A. Srvd Number	139 2	2,890
RE-6	Striperopping .	1	Acre	55	110
RE-9	Streambank Stabilization	1	A. Srvd	80	4,500
RE-10	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	2	A. Srvd	55	268
RE-14	Reorganizing Irrigation Systems	25	A. Srvd	5,776	52,910
SB-5	Livestock Water Facilities	1	A. Srvd Number	320 1	249
S-I	Animal Waste Storage & Diversion Facilities	2	Number	2	3,317
TOTALS		68			\$ 97,620

	PRACTICE SUMMARY - EMERGENCY	Y CONS	ERVATION	MEASURES	
EC-1	Removing Debris from Farm Land	22	A. Srvd	1,722	108,245
EC-2	Grading, Shaping, Releveling or Similar Measures	26	A. Srvd	1,901	83,615
EC-3	Restoring Permanent Fences	34	A. Srvd	23,795	368,573
EC-4	Restoring Structures & Other	37	A. Srvd	9,811	70,377
TOTALS		119			\$ 630,810



BEEKEEPER INDEMNITY PROGRAM

The Beekeeper Indemnity Payment Program provides for payments to beekeepers who, through no fault of their own, suffer losses of honey bees due to the application of USDA approved pesticides.

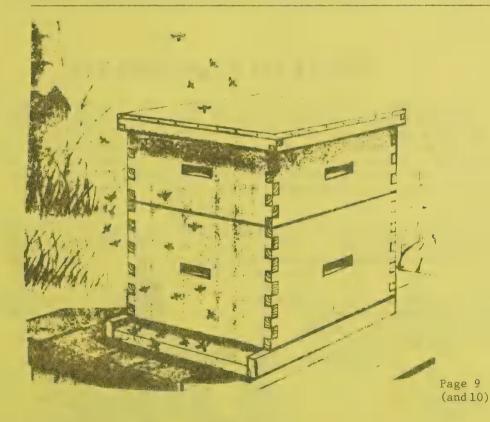
Beekeepers applying for indemnification under this program must establish that the loss was caused solely by the use of pesticides near or adjacent to his apiary and occurred without his fault, that he took all reasonable precautions to protect his bees from exposure, and that he took reasonable action to minimize the bee loss to the extent that such action was feasible.

Payments were based on the degree of loss as follows:

- 1 \$22.50 for each colony destroyed
- 2 \$15.00 for each colony severely damaged
- 3 \$ 7.50 for each colony moderately damaged
- 4 \$ 7.50 for each queen nucleus destroyed

The severity of loss was determined by qualified bee inspectors. No payment was made for honey production losses.

County	Number of Claims	Indemnity
Big Horn	1	\$ 1,042.50
Blaine	1	442.50
Fergus-Petroleum	1	255.00
Meagher	1	1,255.00
Powder River	1	765.00
TOTALS	5	\$ 3,760.00



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COMMODITY LOANS & PURCHASES

Price support loans and purchases are basic methods of making price support available to agricultural producers. Other methods of support include direct purchases and payments.

Loan programs enable producers to exercise greater independence in their marketing operations. They give farmers the opportunity to spread out marketings over a larger part of the year by holding their crops and still obtain ready cash for immediate needs. If the opportunity does not arise for the producer to profitably pay off his loan and sell the grain on the open market, the loan may be satisfied in full by paying the service fee and turning the collateral over to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Price support in the form of loans and purchase agreements was available on wheat, barley, oats, rye and corn. Honey could be offered for purchase by CCC. Price support was not offered on flaxseed and dry edible beans in 1975.

Loans may be obtained in grain stored either on farms or in warehouses. Generally, loans on farm-stored grains are made at the county basic price support loan rate on a maximum of 90 percent of the measured quantity of grain in storage. A protein premium may be obtained on farm-stored wheat if the producer requests it and pays for sampling and testing. If farm-stored grain is delivered to Commodity Credit Corporation at maturity date in settlement of a loan or purchase agreement settlement is computed on the basis of the actual quantity and quality of grain delivered.

Loans are made on grain stored in warehouses on the basis of the actual quantity and quality of the grain as represented by the warehouse receipt.

Reseal loans were not authorized for the 1976-77 storage period for any commodity.

STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

The Farm Storage & Drying Equipment Loan Program is designed to help producers provide adequate on-farm facilities for storage & handling of at least one year's production. With sufficient storage, a producer may hold his grain, take a price support loan if necessary, and wait for the best possible marketing opportunity. A combination of adequate storage and price support helps producers spread marketing over the year & relieves pressure on transportation and commercial storage facilities at harvest time.

Basically, the FS-DE Loan Program offers producers loans up to 70% (but not to exceed \$25,000) of the cost of building or acquiring needed storage facilities & dryers. Needs are determined on the basis of one year's production.



on these loans, although subject to the adjustment provisions of the program, remained constant at a rate of 7.5% for the 1976 calendar year.

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COMMODITY LOANS AND PURCHASES

LOAN AND PURCHASE RATES - 1975 CROP YEAR

	Wheat	Barley	Oats
County	(# 1)	(# 2)	(作 3)
Beaverhead	\$ 1.23	\$.84	\$.57
Big Horn	1.24	.80	.51
Blaine	1.25	.75	.47
Broadwater	1.29	. 87	.53
Carbon	1.25	.80	. 52
Carter	1.25	.72	.47
Cascade	1.28	.83	.52
Chouteau	1.28	.79	.49
Custer	1.24	.74	.47
Daniels	1.23	.71	.45
Dawson	1.25	.74	.44
Deer Lodge	1.30	.90	.55
Fallon	1.26	.72	.45
Fergus	1.27	. 81	.49
Flathead	2.31	. 95	.55
Gallatin	1.30	.90	54
Garfield	1.23	.75	.47
Glacier	1.28	.82	.52
Golden Valley	1.27	.80	.51
Granite	1.30	.88	.56
Hill	1.26	. 78	.48
Jefferson	1.30	. 90	.54
Judith Basin	1.27	.80	.50
Lake	1.30	.88	. 56
Lewis & Clark	1.28	.81	. 54
Liberty	1.27	.80	.49
Lincoln	1.31	. 95	. 57
McCone	1.24	. 74	.45
Madison	1.30	.90	. 55
Meagher	1.28	.84	.52
Mineral	1.30	.92	.57 .56
Missoula	1.30	.92	.50
Musselshell	1.25	.88	.54
Park	1.29 1.25	.77	.48
Petroleum	1.24	.72	.47
Phillips Pondera	1.28	.81	.51
Powder River		.74	.49
Powell	1.30	.90	.55
Prairie	1.25	.74	.46
Ravalli	1.28	.88	.56
Richland	1.25	.71	.44
Roosevelt	1.24	.71	.44
Rosebud	1.23	.75	.49
Sanders	1.30	.92	.57
Sheridan	1.24	.70	.44
Silver Bow	1.30	.90	. 55
Stillwater	1.27	.80	.52
Sweet Grass	1.28	.83	.53
Teton	1.28	.81	.51
Toole	1.27	.81	.50
Treasure	1.24	.75	.50
Valley	1.23	.72	.46
Wheatland	1.28	.81	.52
Wibaux	1.26	.72	.44
Yellowstone	1.25	.80	. 52

Corn (# 2) - \$1.19 per bushel in all counties

Honey (White) - 26.3 cents per pound in all counties

Rye (#2) - 75 cents per bushel in all counties

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FARM STORAGE LOANS
From Inception of Program 1949 Through 1976

	Number	Total	Total
County	of Loans	Bushels	Disbursed
Beaverhead	53	591,499	\$ 170,813
Big Horn	352	2,475,634	664,169
Blaine	337	2,529,705	605,173
Broadwater	208	1,548,204	433,772
Carbon	204	744,570	214,567
Carter	200	944,092	300,592
Cascade	222	1,805,784	442,909
Chouteau	643	6,116,015	1,398,171
Custer	140	886,369	250,913
Daniels	476	2,947,591	741,043
Dawson	241	1,936,392	530,713
Deer Lodge	2	3,200	937
Fallon	317	1,732,446	536,531
Fergus	367	2,397,075	593,304
Flathead	112	544,757	148,831
Gallatin	229	863,435	253,236
Garfield	74	596,283	131,019
Glacier	506	6,517,724	1,363,318
Golden Valley	39	287,149	60,979
Granite	6	12,550	3,736
Hill	868	8,377,849	2,016,821
Jefferson	28	247,304	70,095
Judith Basin	227	1,528,518	431,947
Lake	126	381,889	95,865
Lewis & Clark	49	287,816	72,881
Liberty	264	3,127,533	756,279
Lincoln	2	42,036	13,448
McCone	421	3,165,504	779,053
Madison	43	169,978	49,748
Meagher	24	146,615	58,495
Missoula	9	17,550	5,077
Musselshell	48	175,130	42,875
Park	23	147,450	48,069
Petroleum	9	28,000	9,736
Phillips	371	1,824,022	430,192
Pondera	555	4,854,277	1,093,657
Powder River	66	367,202	86,529
Powell	12	24,450	8,132
Prairie	112	622,694	150,001
Ravalli	19	91,351	27,169
Richland	483	3,428,167	176,363
Roosevelt	333	2,725,066	646,237
Rosebud	152	800,542	204,408
Sanders	13	58,861	17,538
Sheridan	619	4,220,861	983,756
Silver Bow	2	5,000	1,499
Stillwater	247	1,599,603	421,715
Sweet Grass	29	221,305	46,565
Ceton	421	2,299,759	542,733
Coole	528	5,780,392	1,443,473
Treasure	66	227,974	77,767
Valley	552	3,713,466	923,073
Wheatland	36	234,361	58,847
Vibaux	199	1,444,193	425,114
Yellowstone	204	1,609,545	422,119
TOTALS	11,888	89,476,737	22,282,002

CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

Inasmuch as Cropland Adjustment Program agreements were written for a maximum period of ten years, all 1966 agreements still in effect expired at the end of 1975. This left only 44 regular agreements remaining in effect for the 1976 program year, and they all expired on December 31, 1976.

Due to several producers exercising their option to cancel Public Access agreements, there were only nine of them in effect for 1976. The acreage covered by these agreements were open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking.

Haying or grazing of designated acreage not covered by Public Access agreements was authorized with a very nominal payment reduction assessed for this privilege.



1976 CAP STATISTICS

Regular Agreements

	No.	Designated	Amount
County	Agreements	Acreage	Paid
Broadwater	1	288.6	\$ 1,731.60
Custer	1	40.0	1,874.08
Dawson	10	602.0	18,898.39
Fallon	5	612.7	4,838.59
McCone	2	547.9	3,308.09
Missoula	1	87.0	490.00
Musselshell	2	301.0	2,172.94
Prairie	2	778.8	6,036.33
Richland	6	1,082.6	17,479.41
Roosevelt	4	559.2	6,406.70
Sheridan	4	904.9	6,760.50
Teton	1	313.0	2,504.00
Wheatland	2	930.0	6,793.00
Wibaux	3	835.0	5,381.33
TOTALS	44	7,882.7	84,674.96

Public Access Agreements

County	No. Agreements	Designated Acreage	Amount Paid
Dawson	3	115.0	172,50
Fallon	ĭ	130.7	0
Prairie	2	778.8	1,111.05
Sheridan	2	719.8	404.40
Wibaux	1	422.7	0
TOTALS	9	2,167.0	1,687.95

FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The FIP was authorized by Congress for the specific purpose of increasing the Nation's supply of timber products. FIP is a production program with emphasis placed upon:

- A Increasing the future supply of softwood saw timber.
- B Continued sustained yield, multi-purpose management of private non-industrial forest land.
- C Cost-effectiveness of forest improvement practices as measured by a continuing evaluation.

FIP is jointly administered by ASCS and the U.S. Forest Service. Arrangements have been made by the Forest Service for the Division of Forestry, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, to furnish the on-the-farm technical service. The program is offered only in designated Western Montana counties with high potential timber production. Only two practices are offered, tree planting and timber stand improvement. The level of cost-sharing is 75 % in Montana. Both an annual program and long term agreements are offered similar to ACP. The accomplishments under this program are shown below:

Accomplishments Under FIP in Montana (May 1977 through September 1976)

Practices	# of	# of	Acres	Cost-Shares
	Co.s	Participants	Performed	Paid
Planting Trees	1	1	5	\$ 547
Timber Stand Imprvmnt	6	23	289	20,764
		Total Co	st-Shares	\$ 21,311





WATER BANK PROGRAM

Under the Water Bank Act a program was authorized to be carried out in important migratory waterfowl nesting and breeding areas. The purpose of the program is to prevent serious loss of wetlands, and to preserve, restore and improve inland fresh water and adjacent areas for the benefit of migratory waterfowl. The first ten year agreements were signed in 1972. Annual payments are made each year of the ten year agreement.

In entering into an agreement, the owner or operator agrees:

- (1) not to drain, burn, fill or otherwise destroy the wetland character of areas placed under the agreement, nor to use such areas for agricultural purposes, as determined by the Secretary, and
- (2) to carry out the wetland conservation and development plan for his land in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The program was applicable in seven Montana counties in 1976 as follows:

	No. of Agreements	Wetland Acres	Adjacent Upland Acres	Annual Payments
Daniels	19	390	1,064	\$ 13,419
Glacier	2	62	251	3,369
Pondera	12	217	424	6,920
Roosevelt	10	319	644	8,059
Sheridan	18	463	1,545	19,492
Teton	4	220	601	8,910
Toole	15	342	769	10,569
TOTALS	80	2,013	5,298	\$ 70,738





WHEAT & FEED GRAIN DISASTER PROGRAMS

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 provides for wheat and feed grain disaster programs for the crop years 1974 through 1977. Although the law provides for the set-aside of cropland as a payment eligibility provision the Secretary determined that none would be required for 1976 and that there would be no seeding restrictions. The programs afforded producers having wheat and feed grain allotments an opportunity to:

- Earn deficiency payments to maintain reasonable farm income in the event of low market prices.
- Earn disaster payments to help offset crop losses they may suffer that are attributable to a natural disaster.

Deficiency payments - Payments were authorized to be made whenever the average market price during the first 5 months of the marketing year for the commodity fell below the established price. The established prices were: Wheat - \$2.29, Barley - \$1.28, Corn - \$1.57, and Grain Sorghum - \$1.49. The payment was to be computed by multiplying the farm allotment times the established farm yield times the difference between the established price and the 5 month average market price. Inasmuch as the 5 month average market price did not fall below the established price for any of the program crops no deficiency payments were made in 1976.

Disaster payments - There were two types of disaster payments - those for prevented planting and those for abnormally low yields. In both cases the COC was required to determine that the prevented planting or low yield was caused by a natural disaster or reason beyond the control of the producer.

The disaster per bushel payment rates by commodity were: Wheat - 76c, Corn - 52c, Barley - 43c, and Grain Sorghum - 50c.

Prevented planting payments were authorized to be made on an acreage equal to the difference between the actual plantings of annual non-conserving crops and the smaller of the sum of the wheat and feed grain allotments or the intended plantings.

Low yield payments were authorized when the producer's total bushel production (actual and appraised) fell below the farm's disaster yield times the smaller of the allotment or seeded acreage. The farm's disaster yield for a commodity was computed by multiplying the farm established yield by a factor determined by dividing the county's ten year average yield by its current year check yield for that commodity. Eligibility for payment was determined by programs separately unless the farm was in substitution, in which event the combined allotments and production were considered. A farm was considered in substitution if the wheat allotment was overseeded and the total feed grain allotment underseeded or vice versa. Once a farm was determined eligible for payment the earned amount was computed by multiplying the bushels of underproduction by the bushel payment rate.

The wheat and feed grain disaster program statistics found on the following pages were extracted from the statistical report compiled by the computer as of May 31, 1976.



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County	Number of Farms	Allotment Acre
Beaverhead	47	10,380
Big Horn	372	73,817
Blaine	470	97,127
Broadwater	132	29,725
Carbon	323	30,571
Carter	156	29,528
	700	
Cascade		142,696
Chouteau	1059	378,798
Custer	176	25,399
Daniels	629	226,000
Dawson	563	144,763
Deer Lodge	16	1,191
Fallon	336	94,209
Fergus	765	175,172
Flathead	522	26,378
Gallatin	552	69,960
Garfield	190	46,454
Glacier	223	60,373
Golden Valley	110	19,609
	15	727
Granite	798	345,928
Hill		
Jefferson	30	8,991
Judith Basin	344	90,034
Lake	216	15,241
Lewis & Clark	99	15,246
Liberty	362	181,508
Lincoln	9	289
McCone	565	182,639
Madison	75	9,966
Meagher	32	4,716
Mineral	11	484
Missoula	91	6,765
Musselshell	102	17,454
	166	24,204
Park	50	7,445
Petroleum		
Phillips	392	99,775
Pondera	544	167,039
Powder River	182	31,716
Powel1	47	4,330
Prairie	187	40,958
Ravalli	90	4,695
Richland	781	155,829
Roosevelt	1032	281,433
Rosebud	158	25,830
	73	6,040
Sanders	910	244,217
Sheridan		5
Silver Bow	1	68,660
Stillwater	290	
Sweet Grass	110	12,134
Teton	747	183,321
Toole	444	174,050
Treasure	48	5,391
Valley	1047	252,763
Wheatland	80	11,503
Wibaux	283	60,975
Yellowstone	681	89,410
TOTALS	18,433	4,513,861

1976 FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

		Number Allotment		Corn		
County	Number	Allotment	Number Allotment		Reserve	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Acres Held	
Beaverhead	61	4,836			0	
Big Horn	342	24,219	97	2,082	1	
Blaine	438	43,826	36	1,057	6	
	131		11		1	
Broadwater		8,660		177		
Carbon	306	9,135	68	924	0	
Carter	144	7,457	95	3,499	3	
Cascade	641	49,776	24	750	5	
Chouteau	1045	146,646	23	631	0	
Custer	128	6,150	119	3,845	3	
Daniels	601	45,523	55	1,714	5	
Dawson	513	29,260	280	11,520	6	
Deer Lodge	16	931	400 GGs		0	
Fallon	309	15,964	231	11,731	6	
Fergus	738	59,038	17	517	4	
Flathead	489	13,725	9	72	2	
Gallatin	512	25,450	21	355	2	
Garfield	164	10,334	45	1,214	1	
Glacier	242	78,948	00	-,	Ō	
Golden Valley	97	4,760	8	50	1	
,	24	948	0		0	
Granite Hill	788		19	320	4	
		142,760		320		
Jefferson	36	2,796		~~	0	
Judith Basin	335	29,325	3	87	0	
Lake	193	4,356	10	128	2	
Lewis Clark	93	5,516	3	71	0	
Liberty	349	65,528	3	77	0	
Lincoln	4	33	one (000)	age one	0	
McCone	519	33,770	186	5,287	7	
Madison	81	3,448	2	19	0	
Meagher	27	2,546	man spin		0	
dineral	9	150			0	
dissoula	100	2,745	3	54	1	
Ausselshell	95	4,542	18	551	ī	
Park	140	7,095			ō	
Petroleum	52	3,574	9	155	0	
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Phillips	325	21,239	51	1,007	1	
Pondera	548	82,170			5	
Powder River	143	5,193	30	601	1	
Powell	49	2,767	1	87	0	
Prairie	145	5,428	137	4,410	2	
Ravalli	113	3,214	24	315	2	
Richland	720	32,338	434	14,708	6	
Roosevelt	954	48,057	248	6,925	10	
Rosebud	137	8,331	67	1,988	1	
Sanders	80	1,969	-		0	
Sheridan	868	61,896	162	4,163	0	
Silver Bow	3	30	102	7,200	o	
Stillwater	318	20,584	39	771	2	
Sweet Grass	141	6,868	2	11	1	
Ceton	728	64,262	13	101	9	
Toole	448	95,456	3	62	a	
Treasure	61	1,853	58	2,103	1	
Valley	951	67,500	79	2,365	11	
Wheatland	86	6,077			0	
Wibaux	224	9,433	180	8,123	1	
Yellowstone	676	31,060	353	6,019	7	
TOTALS	17,480	1,469,495	3,276	100,646	121	

1976 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS Production for Payment (Bu.) Primarily Low Yield

County	Corn	Barley	Wheat
Beaverhead	0	0	0
Big Horn	9,685	21,881	37,235
Blaine	0	0	1,293
Broadwater	0	0	0
	0	6,923	13,910
Carbon	0	1,901	10,088
Carter	0		176,917
Cascade	0	6,038	
Chouteau		18,801	254,180
Custer	0	5,110	8,660
Daniels *	0	1,071	1,185
Dawson	0	13,303	76,415
Deer Lodge	0	0	0
Fallon	1,654	5,582	28,919
Fergus	0	44,363	41,525
Flathead	0	0	0
Gallatin	0	13,495	5,409
Garfield	1,446	11,852	74,438
Glacier	0	0	0
Golden Valley	0	0	23,740
Granite	0	0	0
Hill	0	5,018	84,896
Jefferson	0	942	36,045
Lake	0	0	0
Lewis & Clark	0	0	0
Liberty	0	0	18,393
Lincoln	0	0	0
McCone	0	40,838	207,583
Madison	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Meagher Mineral	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Missoula	0	404	17,945
Musselshell	0	4,590	1,718
Park			4,056
Petroleum	0	11,222	18,395
Phillips	0	0	14,274
Pondera	0	2,440	
Powder River	0	1,088	15,327
Powell	0	0	_
Prairie	142	11,726	176,549
Ravalli	0	0	0
Richland	0	9,081	88,261
Roosevelt	0	2,572	12,452
Rosebud	0	1,954	9,011
Sanders	0	728	7,030
Sheridan **	0	1,607	2,995
Silver Bow	0	0	0
Stillwater **	0	9,152	27,141
Sweet Grass	0	429	6,298
Teton *	0	2,390	68,712
Toole	0	0 ,	6,870
	0	0	1,668
Treasure	0	9,954	119,939
Valley	0	0	6,174
Wheatland	1,039	1,278	12,866
Wibaux	1,039	6,470	83,870
Yellowstone	U	0,470	,-,-
	13,966	274,203	1,802,381

^{*} Includes 1 farm with prevented planting
** Includes 2 farms with prevented planting

1976 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAM Net Payments to Producers Primarily Low Yield

County	Corn	Barley	Wheat	Total	No. Farms
Beaverhead	0	0	0	0	0
Big Horn	\$ 5,036	\$ 9,409	\$ 28,298	\$ 42,744	12
Blaine	0	0	0	0	0
Broadwater	0	0	983	983	1
Carbon	0	2,977	10,571	13,548	9
Carter	0	817	7,667	8,485	5
Cascade	0	2,596	134,457	137,053	60
Chouteau	0	8,085	193,176	201,261	38
Custer	0	2,197	6,582	8,779	5
Daniels *	0	461	901	1,361	2
Dawson	0	5,720	58,075	63,796	17
Deer Lodge	0	0	0	0	0
Fallon	860	2,400	21,978	25,238	13
Fergus	0	19,076	31,559	50,635	24
Flathead	0	0	0	0	0
Gallatin	0	5,803	4,111	9,914	11
Garfield	752	5,096	56,573	62,421	17
Glacier	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Valley	0	0	18,042	18,042	10
Granite	0	0	0	0	0
Hill	0	2,158	64,521	66,679	17
Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0
Judith Basin	0	405	27,394	27,800	9
Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty	0	0	13,979	13,979	2
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0
McCone	0	17,560	157,763	175,323	62
Madison	0	0	0	0	0
Meagher	0	0	0	0	0
Mineral	0	0	0	0	0
Missoula	0	0	0	0	0
Musselshell	0	174	13,638	13,812	4
Park	0	1,974	1,306	3,279	4
Petroleum	0	4,825	3,083	7,908	7
Phillips	0	0	13,980	13,980	5
Pondera	0	1,049	10,848	11,897	6
Powder River	0	468	11,649	12,116	5
Powell	0	0	. 0	0	0
rairie	74	5,042	134,177	139,293	33
Ravalli	0	0	0	0	0
Richland	0	3,905	67,078	70,983	23
Roosevelt	0	1,106	9,464	10,569	5
Rosebud	0	840	6,848	7,689	3
Sanders	0	313	5,343	5,656	6
Sheridan **	0	691	2,276	2,967	4
Silver Bow	0	0	0	0	0
Stillwater **	0	3,935	20,627	24,563	12
Sweet Grass	0	184	4,786	4,971	. 3
Teton *	0	1,028	52,221	53,249	13
Toole	0	0	5,221	5,221	3
Treasure	0	0	1,268	1,268	1
/alley	0	4,280	91,154	95,434	35
Wheatland	0	0	4,692	4,692	3
Vibaux	540	550	9,778	10,868	8
Vellowstone	0	2,782	63,741	66,523	15
CTTOMSCORE	0	2,102	03,741	00,525	13

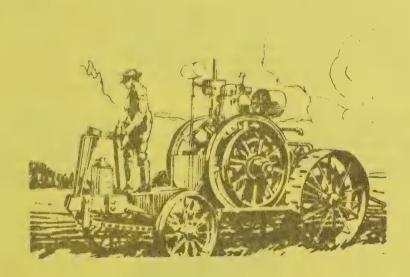
^{*} Includes 1 farm with prevented planting
** Includes 2 farms with prevented planting

COMPLIANCE

In general, compliance with program requirements was determined by producer certification with administrative control visits being made on a random selection basis of the participating farms. Farms applying for wheat or feed grain disaster credit were all checked to determine extent of the disaster unless the county committee had prior knowledge of the disaster conditions. Farms applying for payment were all checked to determine accuracy of the producer's acreage report and to measure any farm stored production.

Producer measurement service was made available to all farmers for the purpose of determining official acreages on new breaking or changes in field boundaries and for determining quantities of farm-stored commodities. When done at the producer's request and for his convenience a nominal charge was made for this service.

Inasmuch as no reports were required of counties relative to extent of compliance work done, a consolidated statistical analysis of the state compliance program is not available.





WOOL

Payments on shorn wool have been authorized since passage of the National Wool Act of 1954 as a means of encouraging increased domestic production. In recent years the incentive price has been fixed by formula to reflect parity index changes. The Agricultural and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 extended the program through 1977 and provided that the incentive price for the years 1974 through 1977 would be 72 cents per pound.

The objective of the program is to encourage production of approximately 300 million pounds of shorn wool annually at prices fair to producers and consumers and in a manner which will have the least adverse effect on foreign trade.

Payments are based on the difference between the incentive price--72 cents per pound for the 1975 marketing (Calendar) year--and the average price received by producers for all wool sold during the marketing year.

Computation of the incentive payment as a percent of each grower's return encourages him to produce the quality of wool the market demands and to market it at the best price obtainable.

Incentive payments are also made on the basis of the liveweight of shorn lambs marketed. This is designed to discourage unusual shearing of lambs prior to marketing.

The National Wool Act also recognized the desirability of increasing the market for wool and lambs and provided that growers could finance this market development. The Act authorized deductions from payments, after approval by growers in referendum, for the purpose of conducting advertising and sales promotion programs. Promotion programs are carried out in accordance with an agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the American Sheep Producers Council. The present agreement was approved by about 85 percent of the producers voting in the 1974 referendum.

The National average price received by growers for wool sold in 1975 was 44.7 cents per pound. Payments were made at the rate of 61.1~% on shorn wool market receipts and \$1.09 per hundredweight for unshorn lambs. Funds were furnished to the American Sheep Producers Council at the maximum rate of 1-1/2~c per pound for shorn wool and 7-1/2~c per hundredweight of unshorn lambs.





	INCENTIVE	EARNED	Promotion	Net Payment
County	¢ per pound	Total	Fund Ded.	To Producer
3 7	20.1	A 307 075	r 700	A 303 (50
Beaverhead	28.1	\$ 107,375	5,723	\$ 101,652
Big Horn	32.4	9,935	460	9,475
Blaine	26.8	24,932	1,394	23,538
Broadwater	29.5	19,831	1,010	18,822
Carbon	29.1	51,914	2,677	49,237
Carter	35.2	385,520	16,345	369,176
Cascade	18.7	30,245	1,651	28,593
Chouteau	26.9	4,282	239	4,044
Custer	30.4	59,545	2,820	56,725
aniels	30.8	18,566	904	17,662
lawson	28.1	20,225	1,079	19,146
eer Lodge	21.9	2,972	204	2,768
	26.2	13,396	767	12,629
allon				28,989
ergus	26.8	30,705	1,716	
lathead	26.5	3,924	222	3,703
allatin	29.4	30,482	1,556	28,926
arfield	32.4	193,861	8,964	184,897
Glacier	24.2	5,574	346	5,229
olden Valley	41.5	45,382	1,640	43,743
ranite	28.6	2,224	117	2,108
111	27.5	2,664	145	2,518
efferson	25.0	2,452	147	2,305
udith Basin	29.4	24,145	1,233	22,912
ake	28.4	5,248	202	4,955
ewis & Clark	32.0	35,046	1,504	32,452
	22.6	105	7	98
iberty	25.1	296	18	278
incoln				63,361
lcCone	32.9	66,393	3,032	
Madison	23.9	26,035	1,632	24,404
leagher	35.7	30,978	1,300	29,678
lineral	30.2	826	41	785
lissoula	28.3	1,929	102	1,827
usselshell	29.0	29,713	1,535	28,177
ark	22.4	8,027	538	7,489
etroleum	28.9	19,449	1,010	18,439
hillips	33.2	37,152	1,678	35,474
	25.4	15,624	922	14,702
ondera	29.4	84,749	4,317	80,431
owder River			552	9,158
owell	26.4	9,709	679	12,243
rairie	28.6	12,922		
avalli	28.7	21,710	1,133	20,577
ichland	20.4	29,305	1,570	27,735
oosevelt	29.1	18,553	918	17,635
osebud	32.9	35,406	1,611	33,795
anders	25.9	2,846	165	2,681
heridan	30.0	8,941	447	8,494
ilver Bow	26.4	150	9	142
tillwater	34.1	45,205	1,983	43,222
weet Grass	36.1	65,095	2,701	62,394
	24.4	49,891	3,071	46,820
eton		13,814	871	12,943
Coole	23.8		134	2,826
reasure	33.2	2,960		16,491
Valley	28.5	17,408	917	
Meatland	27.9	76,777	4,017	72,760
Vibaux	25.4	4,593	271	4,322
Yellowstone	31.0	24,372	1,180	23,192
			91,606	1,798,777

1975 MARKETING YEAR

Shorn Wool

	No. of	Pounds of	Sales Proceeds		
County	applic.	Wool Sold	Ave. c per 1b.	Total	
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Beaverhead	54	381,556	46.2	\$ 176,395	
Big Horn	29	30,651	53.1	16,260	
Blaine	44	92,935	43.9	40,805	
Broadwater	17	67,315	48.2	32,457	
Carbon	112	178,507	47.6	84,965	
Carter	168	1,095,880	57.8	633,176	
Cascade	26	161,592	42.0	67,880	
Chouteau	13	15,914	44.0	7,009	
luster	31	195,882	51.2	100,268	
Daniels	11	60,280	50.4	30,386	
awson	28	71,910	46.0	33,101	
Deer Lodge	4	13,581	35.8	4,863	
Fallon	32	51,153	42.9	21,925	
Fergus	72	114,597	43.9	50,326	
Flathead	33	14,827	43.4	6,438	
	85		48.1	49,895	
Gallatin		103,758			
Garfield	75	597,613	53.1	317,285	
Glacier	9	23,038	39.6	9,123	
Golden Valley	21	109,326	67.9	74,276	
Granite	7	7,770	46.9	3,641	
Hill	8	9,696	45.0	4,360	
Jefferson	16	9,813	40.9	4,013	
Judith Basin	24	82,204	48.1	39,517	
Lake	41	19,504	44.0	8,589	
Lewis & Clark	18	106,249	52.4	55,721	
liberty	1	464	36.9	171	
incoln	3	1,180	41.0	484	
4cCone	25	202,108	53.8	108,663	
ladison	55	108,953	39.2	42,664	
	3		58.5	50,700	
Meagher		86,675			
Mineral	4	2,733	49.5	1,351	
Missoula	21	6,812	46.4	3,158	
Musselshell	27	102,353	47.5	48,631	
Park	47	35,851	36.6	13,137	
Petroleum	10	67,364	47.2	31,832	
Phillips	33	111,856	54.4	60,805	
ondera	17	61,493	41.6	25,573	
Powder River	70	287,837	48.2	138,705	
Powell	15	36,793	43.2	15,891	
Prairie	16	45,255	46.7	21,149	
Ravalli	136	75,681	47.0	35,576	
			43.1	61,803	
Richland	39	143,466			
Roosevelt	17	63,829	49.0	31,298	
Rosebud	10	107,399	53.9	57,947	
Sanders	15	10,975	42.4	4,657	
Sheridan	17	29,825	49.1	14,634	
Silver Bow	2	569	43.2	246	
Stillwater	88	132,491	55.9	74,081	
Sweet Grass	94	180,073	59.2	106,545	
Ceton	34	204,717	40.0	81,655	
Coole	10	58,093	38.9	22,610	
Treasure	3	8,920	54.3	4,844	
	35	61,151	46.6	28,491	
Valley			46.6	128,314	
Wheatland	37	275,223			
Wibaux	12	18,064	41.6	7,517	
Yellowstone	61	78,694	50.7	39,889	
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TOTALS	1,935	6,222,448		3,135,695	

1975 MARKETING YEAR

Unshorn Lambs

County	Weight of Lambs Sold (Pounds)	Payment Earned	Promotion Fund Ded.	
Beaverhead	1,196,237	\$ 13,039	\$ 897	
Big Horn	132,470	1,444	99	
Blaine	347,119	3,784	260	
Broadwater	274,425	2,991	206	
Carbon	1,250,023	13,701	943	
Carter	4,050,104	44,146	3,037	
Cascade	487,067	5,309	365	
Chouteau	70,500	867	60	
Custer	795,649	8,673	597	
Daniels	159,693	1,741	120	
Dawson	330,731	3,605	248	
Deer Lodge	87,008	948	65	
Fallon	264,558	2,884	198	
Fergus	561,090	6,116	421	
	62,128	677	47	
Flathead	388,987	4,240	202	
Gallatin	2,123,942	23,151	1,593	
Garfield		1,511	104	
Glacier	138,585	4,674	322	
Golden Valley	428,839	766	53	
Granite	70,291	604	421	
Hill	55,428			
Jefferson	66,047	720	50	
Judith Basin	341,445	3,722	256	
Lake	172,690	1,882	129	
Lewis & Clark	446,937	4,872	335	
Liberty		No. 40	****	
Lincoln	7,430	81	6	
McCone	888,940	9,689	667	
Madison	402,839	5,372	370	
Meagher	299,090	3,260	224	
Mineral	22,040	240	17	
Missoula	36,724	400	28	
Musselshell	611,102	6,661	458	
Park	291,708	3,180	219	
Petroleum	226,385	2,468	170	
Phillips	527,805	5,753	396	
Pondera	336,086	3,663	252	
Powder River	1,123,904	12,251	843	
Powell	120,500	1,313	90	
Prairie	167,925	1,830	126	
Ravalli	585,643	6,383	439	
Richland	439,089	4,786	329	
	86,485	943	65	
Roosevelt	341,712	3,725	256	
Rosebud	11,165	122	8	
Sanders		768	53	
Sheridan	70,450	43	3	
Silver Bow	3,935	9,725	669	
Stillwater	892,181	14,541	1,000	
Sweet Grass	1,334,019		498	
Teton	664,633	7,244	120	
Toole	160,397	1,748	28	
Treasure	37,255	406		
Valley	303,322	3,306	227	
Wheatland	934,639	10,188	701	
Wibaux	87,020	949	65	
Yellowstone	205,787	3,224	222	
		280,329	19,288	

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